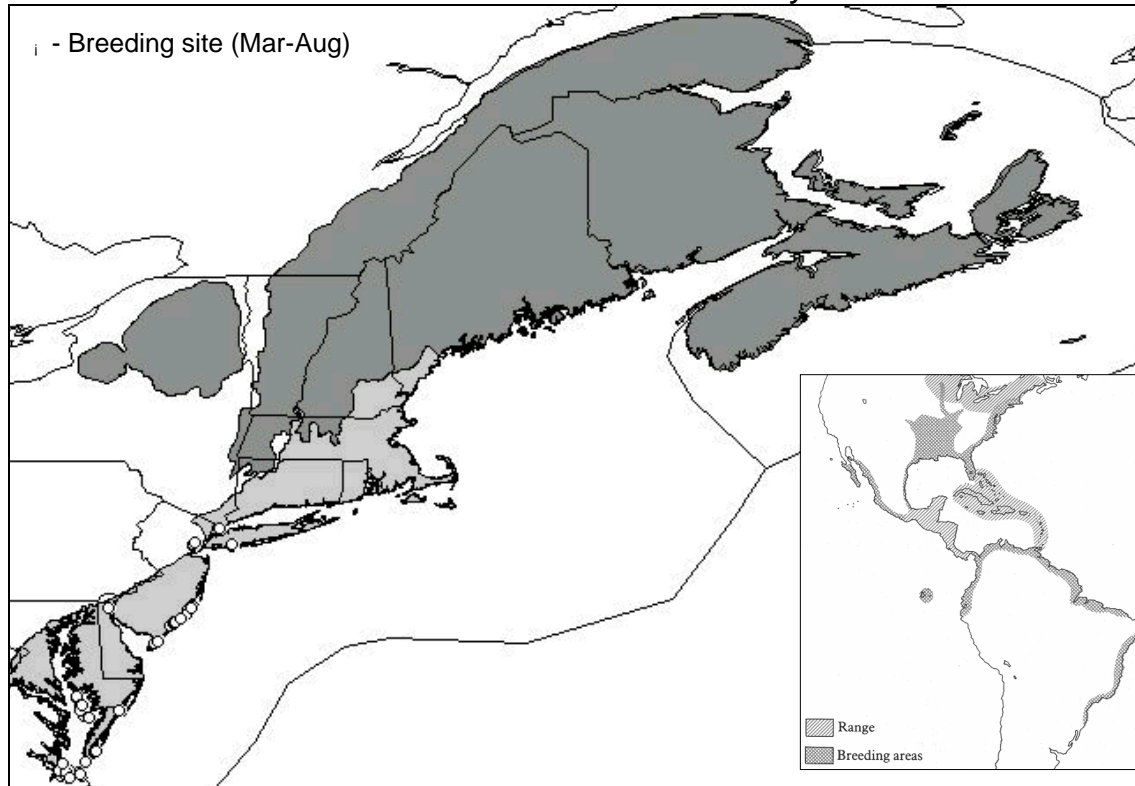


YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nyctanassa violacea violacea



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds and migrates in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, swamps, lakes, lagoons, and mangroves; breeding in trees in wooded areas near water

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=5

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: US—1,530 (42 colonies)
- 1970s population size: US—512 (31 colonies)
- 199% increase in regional population

NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats

- Degradation/loss of wetland nesting and foraging habitat; human disturbance
- Susceptible to pesticides and other environmental contaminants which can lower reproductive success

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
?	50,000 – 100,000b	0b	1,530b	1,502b	28b	0b	0b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	(PI=0%)	Moderate (PI=2-3%)	NJ- S2B; DE-S1B MD-S2B; VA-S2B, S3N	NY-S2; CT-S1B, SZN; RI- S1B, S1N; MA-S1; VT-no info	MA-S1; NH-no info; ME- no info; NB, NS- no info	QC-no info; PE-no info NB, NS- no info

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 3.6 fledged / nest; *Foraging Habitat:* avg in NC 1.4 km; in VA <0.5 km; along water margins including tidal marshes, tide pools, mudflats, beaches, rocky shorelines, ponds, rivers and creeks; also shallow waters like tidal creeks, surf, swamps and mangroves; occasionally in upland sites like plowed fields and lawns; will use human made aquatic habitat like shrimp farms and sewage treatment plants; prefer marshes dominated with cordgrass near nest sites; *Issues:* Species has not been designated for management action, but educational programs have been initiated to reduce conflicts in residential areas.; *Needs:* monitor, mediate conflicts with public; *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum), 1,400-1,700b; *Habitat Goals:*